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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Donald Frassa, President
Green Gold Wholesale Produce, Inc.
5335 Stampa Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Dear Mr. Frassa:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempted to collect samples of fresh avocados, which your firm offered for entry into the United States through the port of Baltimore on December 17, 2001, under entry number [redacted]. FDA's attempt to collect the samples revealed that the product was distributed, without suitable clearance from the agency. This action taken is a violation of 21 Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR), Part 1.90, which requires an importer to hold an entry intact pending receipt of a "May Proceed" or "Release Notice" from FDA.

Failure to promptly correct this violation and prevent premature distribution of imported product may result in requiring that future shipments be held in secured storage. Secured storage will be under the supervision and direction of the U.S. Customs Service, such as in a bonded warehouse. You will be responsible for all costs incurred for secured storage.

Within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, please notify our office in writing of the specific steps you have taken to correct this violative situation, including an explanation of each step taken to prevent recurrence of the violation.

Your response should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Dundalk Marine Terminal Resident Post, 2700 Broening Highway, Dundalk, Maryland 21222, to the attention of Patricia Travers, Compliance Officer. Ms. Travers may be reached at 410-631-0322, extension 15.

Sincerely,

Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District